



David and Marcia Provorse

April 9, 1960 - December 20, 2024

Dave and Marcia Provorse rode off into the sunset together on December 20, 2024. David Lee Provorse was born April 09, 1960 to the late Albert Allan Provorse and Dorothy Ladine Provorse (Long) in Fremont, Nebraska. Marcia Lynn Rowley was born April 21, 1962 to the late Bernard Francis Rowley and Claudine Marie Rowley (Summers) in Grand Island, Nebraska. Their love story began as high school sweethearts at Fremont High School and they were inseparable from that moment on. If Dave wasn't busy with athletics or music and Marcia wasn't busy trying to keep her brothers out of trouble, they could be found together. They were married in front of 400 of their closest friends and relatives on August 16, 1980. Dave studied psychology at Midland University, and attained a PhD from the University of Nebraska, while Marcia assured their social life was just as full as their academic life, maintaining old relationships and building new ones. To this day, most friends, colleagues, and family members of Marcia's believe they were her 'favorite', and they all were. In 1990, Dave became a psychology professor at Washburn University in Topeka, KS where he taught, mentored, and impacted many lives over the course of 34 years. Marcia was an indispensable office manager at the endodontic practice of Dr. Kerry O'Neal, where she worked for 30 years. They are survived by their beloved daughter, Amanda Marie (Mathew) Strassburg and two grandsons, Jax David and Leo William, whom they adored. Dave and Marcia had large, loving families and are survived by siblings Cindy (Scott) Sindel, Al (Paula) Provorse, Kay (Jeff) Ritz, Cheryl (John) Riskowski, Mike

(Marlene) Rowley, Randy (Joyce) Rowley, Brad (Pat) Rowley, Jamie Rowley, Jeremy (Lori) Rowley, and Jeff (Ashlee) Rowley, and many nieces and nephews. Their life adventure had many ups and downs, as they all do, but Dave and Marcia chose to focus on the ups and help their loved ones to do the same. What started with softball games, garage bands and dance recitals grew into marathons, Big Red football, cycling, riding Harleys and countless other activities. Through it all, they had the type of love that was admirable. It was the relationship you dream about having when you grow up. It was truly “a notebook kind of love”. Friends and family were always central to these adventures and everything Dave and Marcia did. No matter what else was going on, they found time to love and support the hundreds of their closest friends, relatives, students, coworkers, and family. Dave and Marcia touched countless lives and will be missed beyond words. In lieu of flowers and in memory of Dave and Marcia, please consider a memorial contribution to Washburn University’s Master’s Degree Psychology Scholarship, a fund they established and deeply valued. Gifts can be mailed to Washburn University Foundation, 1729 SW MacVicar, Topeka 66604, or online at <https://www.wualumni.org/g/psychology>. They will be honored December 30th at the Peace Lutheran Church in Grand Island, NE, beginning with a visitation at 9:30am, service at 10:30am, with a short graveside service at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery and reception at Travelers Taproom to follow, from 12:30-5:00pm. The service will be live-streamed at Peace Lutheran Celebration of Life-Grand Island facebook page.

Previous Events

Gathering of friends and family

DEC 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran
1710 N. North Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Celebration of Life

DEC 30. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Peace Lutheran
1710 N. North Rd
Grand Island, NE 68803

Burial

DEC 30. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Westlawn Memorial Park
3826 West Stolley Park Road
Grand Island, NE 68803

Tribute Wall

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“ *Two of the smartest, kindest and most genuine people I've ever met. Sharing the high school and college experience with Dave, I was always in awe of his intellect and willingness to help others. They both will be so very greatly missed by so many.* ”



Jeff Keisler (Mac) - January 20, 2025 at 07:06 PM

CC

“ *4 files added to the album Dave & Marcia Provorse memories* ”



Chuck Cochrane - January 03, 2025 at 03:44 PM

CC

“ Dave and I go back to 7th grade and naturally have known Marcia since they started dating. Dave and I were in our first bands together (wish I had pics), played sports, had classes, went to concerts, ski trips, were in each other's weddings... They babysat our oldest a couple of times and we were at Mandy's 1st birthday party. We even worked together for two years post-college while Dave was working on his Master's. While we didn't see each other often after they moved to Topeka we never lost touch. We texted and our high school group of friends has a texting thread. Dave had just commented on something on the 18th. We always met up at our class reunions and the last time I saw both of them was last January at our 1977 track team Hall of Fame induction in Fremont. I'm a better person for having known them these 50 years and will miss them greatly.



Chuck Cochrane - January 03, 2025 at 02:47 PM

JJ

“ We were shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of Dave and Marcia our neighbors for many years. Please accept our sincere condolences and know that you and your family are in our prayers.

Jim and Lynn Janousek



Jim Janousek - January 03, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David and Marcia Provorse.*



December 31, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David and Marcia Provorse.

December 31, 2024 at 11:26 AM



“ *Dave was a most helpful and supportive colleague at Washburn University. He was a patient listener and open to new therapeutic approaches. I appreciated his leadership to collaborate across departments. Dave modeled the kindness of compassionate therapists, dedication of keen professors, and humility of gifted mentors. The psychology students he taught will carry his legacy of grace. My heartfelt condolences to Dave and Marcia's family and loved ones. Most Sincerely, Dr. Brian Ogawa, Professor (ret.)*

Dr. Brian Ogawa - December 30, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *Laurie & Mike White planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David and Marcia Provorse.*

Laurie & Mike White - December 30, 2024 at 03:20 PM

AN

“ Holding you all in our hearts and prayers. We are forever grateful for the memories, especially the lake. Sunsets, boat rides, and fireflies. Thank you for opening your hearts and home to us. Sending huge hugs.

-Angela, Grace, Lyv, and Sammy

Angela - December 30, 2024 at 11:35 AM



“ I can't speak for the whole WUMT (Washburn University Marathon Training) Team members of which there are hundreds, Dave and Marcia will be forever in our hearts and minds. After running with Dave and Bill for over 20 years I will miss our time together. I last saw the two of them as they passed me on the trail on the tandem bike and this is how I will choose to remember them. With our Prayers for Amanda and Family. love Paul and Tracy Wagner.

Tracy Wagner - December 30, 2024 at 08:44 AM

KF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kathy Foust - December 29, 2024 at 09:47 PM

JW

“ David and Marcia were meant to be together. They were both caring people and gave much to those in their life. They will be so missed in their community and family. We are sending our sympathy and love. Cousin Julie and husband Ron.

Julie K Way - December 29, 2024 at 02:22 PM

TY

“ Dave and Marcia were like 2nd parents to me in highschool. They were a great picture of love and I will always have fond memories of the Provorse family.

Tyson Yager - December 29, 2024 at 02:09 PM

SJ

“ Steve & James purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of David and Marcia Provorse.



Steve & James - December 29, 2024 at 11:55 AM

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Steve & James - December 29, 2024 at 11:55 AM

JF

“ We got to know Dave through the Washburn marathon class. Dave was a great motivator and was skilled at teaching you how to push yourself through the stress of completing a marathon. Dave's running abilities, knowledge of training, and background in psychology made him an excellent teacher. Dave and Marcia were such nice, loving and caring people. The world was a better place with them in it. They will be greatly missed by everyone they touched in their lives.

Jim Fox - December 29, 2024 at 08:38 AM

MG

“ *Much Love, Daniel, Blair, & girls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David and Marcia Provorse.*



Much Love, Daniel, Blair, & girls - December 28, 2024 at 09:23 PM

MG

“ *Much Love, Daniel, Blair, & girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David and Marcia Provorse.*

Much Love, Daniel, Blair, & girls - December 28, 2024 at 09:23 PM

DS

“ *I've known Dave since I was in the Master's program at Washburn, and was his teaching assistant for a year. He was a wonderful and gentle person, a big influence on everyone who ever was lucky enough to know him. I last saw him about a year ago when we met for lunch to discuss the possibility of some internships at the agency I was the director of. He will be greatly missed. I'm so sorry for all his family and friends.*
Denise Stevens, Topeka, Kansas

Denise Stevens - December 28, 2024 at 06:16 PM

KW

“ My sincerest condolences to the Provorse and Rowley families. Dr. Provorse was one of my professors from 2013 to 2016. Words cannot express my gratitude for the kindness, challenge, and guidance he provided. He was genuinely so kind and wanted all of us to go out in to the world and do great things. I have crossed paths with him numerous times since to discuss and support field related topics. We were all so incredibly fortunate to have known the Provorse's.

Kari wold - December 28, 2024 at 02:58 PM

SH

“ We met Dave and Marcia at church in Topeka years ago but I will always remember their kindness. We are so, so sorry for your loss. Many prayers for all of the family.
Chris and Susan Herrick

Susan Herrick - December 28, 2024 at 01:52 PM

ME

“ Amber and I are heartbroken by this tragedy. We were neighbors at Sherman Lake. They took such joy in that place and we had some very enjoyable times by the bonfire playing old classic rock n roll songs. We had such a great time last year at the Big birthday bash at their place. We were so looking forward to spending more time with them over there. Sincere Condolences. Great people they were, we will miss them so much. RIP to them both.

Mike Evans - December 28, 2024 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ Terri, Tracey, Tina, Toni and Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David and Marcia Provorse.



Terri, Tracey, Tina, Toni and Families - December 27, 2024 at 06:41 PM

CS

“ 15 files added to the album Dave & Marcia Provorse memories



Cindy Provorse Sindel - December 27, 2024 at 05:31 PM

AO

“ Alexandra, Aaron and Jack O'Neal purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of David and Marcia Provorse.



Alexandra, Aaron and Jack O'Neal - December 27, 2024 at 03:29 PM

MW

“ *That obituary says it all. Perfect description of Dave and Marcia's life. So many people would say they were Dave and Marcia's best friends. Our hearts go out to the 100's of people in their circle, and especially you Mandy. Love, Mike and Deanne Wohlers*

Mike and Deanne Wohlers - December 27, 2024 at 03:10 PM